



# Tsi Tehshakotitsèn:tha' Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre

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## COMMUNIQUÉ

### **KMHC Board pleased to announce appointment of Executive Director**

For immediate release

**(Kahnawake – 10, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2023)** The Board of Directors of Tsi Tehsakotitsén:tha Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre (KMHC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Valerie Diabo as the Executive Director of the KMHC. The decision was formalized at a specially-convened meeting held last evening. The Board's decision followed the unanimous recommendation of the Selection Committee.

In a senior management role as KMHC's Director of Nursing & Community Care since 2007, she has been responsible for all aspects of nursing care within the hospital. Her previous positions at KMHC include Manager of Homecare, and Infection Prevention Control Nurse. She had been acting as the Interim Executive Director since April 1, 2023.

"Valerie's extensive experience in her roles as both a nurse and as a high-level administrator at KMHC gives us great confidence in her ability to tackle her role as the Executive Director," said Frankie McComber, the Chairperson of the Board of Directors. "Her unique combination of education, experience and proven leadership abilities will allow her to carry forth the direction that has been set for us to continue and grow and innovate, as both a hospital and as an essential part of Kahnawà:ke."

"In addition to all of her technical skills, one of her greatest strengths is her ability to connect with people," he added. "In the Board's experience, and from everyone we have spoken to, her kind and compassionate nature, and her willingness to work within the team concept – which is essential in this role – will serve the KMHC and community very well in the years to come."

Ms. Diabo has long been a fixture at the KMHC, having started her career as a Nursing Aide in 1987.

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**BACKGROUND:**

*Valerie Diabo began undertaking her nursing studies at Lasalle College in 1987, where she earned a Nursing Assistant Certificate in 1990. She continued her studies at Dawson College and obtained her Registered Nurse DEC in 1995. Upon graduation, she spent time at St. Mary's Hospital on various units, including Clinics, the Emergency Department, and Geriatrics. She returned to KMHC in 1997, working availability while attending the University of Ottawa where, in 2003, she received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude – with great distinction and honors).*